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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (previously presented) An integrated import/export system comprising:
 - a database of records relating to a plurality of shipments of goods, where said goods are shipped between at least two jurisdictions, each record having data required to process exporting of a product from a first jurisdiction and data required to process importing of a product to a second jurisdiction;
 - a database server in communication with said database; and
 - an application server in communication with said database server for providing a user interface to at least one client, each said client associated with a member of a supply chain for a particular one of said plurality of shipments of said goods, said interface allowing said at least one client to modify at least a portion of a record relating to said particular one of said plurality of shipments of said goods.
2. (previously presented) The integrated import/export system of claim 1 wherein said application server only allows said at least one client to modify said at least a portion of said record if said member associated with said at least one client has proper security authorization.
3. (original) The integrated import/export system of claim 1 further comprising an electronic data interchange server in communication with said database server.
4. (previously presented) The integrated import/export system of claim 3 wherein said electronic data interchange server allows said system to exchange information with databases and data repositories of said member of said supply chain.
5. (original) The integrated import/export system of claim 3 wherein said electronic data interchange server allows access to databases maintained by governments of said jurisdictions.

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6. (original) The integrated import/export system of claim 1 further comprising a file transfer protocol server for enabling receipt and transmission of said records using the file transfer protocol.

7. (original) The integrated import/export system of claim 1 further comprising a hyper-text transfer protocol (HTTP) server for enabling receipt of a request for a page and transmission of said page to an origin of said request.

8. (previously presented) A method of operating an integrated import/export system comprising:
maintaining a database of records relating to a plurality of shipments of goods between at least two jurisdictions;

providing an interface for accessing particular ones of said records in said database to a member of a supply chain for said particular ones of said plurality of shipments of said goods;

receiving, from said member, an instruction to modify one of said particular ones of said records relating to said particular one of said plurality of shipments;

determining whether said instruction to modify relates to a portion of said one of said records for which said member has modification authority; and

modifying said one of said records according to said instruction if said member has said modification authority.

9. (original) The method of claim 8 further comprising:

receiving a query for information stored in databases maintained by governments of said at least two jurisdictions;

responsive to receiving said query, accessing said databases maintained by said governments of said at least two jurisdictions to retrieve a result; and

presenting said result of said accessing to a source of said query.

10. (original) The method of claim 9 further comprising submitting documentation for entry into said databases maintained by said governments of said at least two jurisdictions.

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11. (original) The method of claim 9 further comprising querying said databases maintained by said governments of said at least two jurisdictions to determine a clearance status of a given shipment of said plurality of shipments of said goods.

12. (cancelled)

13. (previously presented) A computer readable medium containing computer-executable instructions which, when performed by a processor in an import/export system, cause the processor to:

- maintain a database of records relating to a plurality of shipments of goods between at least two jurisdictions;

- provide an interface for accessing particular ones of said records in said database to a member of a supply chain for said particular ones of said plurality of shipments of said goods;

- receive, from said member, an instruction to modify a particular one of said records relating to said particular one of said plurality of shipments;

- determine whether said instruction to modify relates to a portion of said one of said records for which said member has modification authority; and

- modify said one of said records according to said instruction if said member has said modification authority.

14. (previously presented) A record editing system in communication with an integrated import/export system, said record editing system operable to:

- display an interface to a member of a supply chain for a particular shipment of goods, said interface allowing interaction with a database of records relating to said shipment of goods maintained at said integrated import/export system, where said goods are shipped between at least two jurisdictions;

- receive, from said member, instructions to modify a record relating to said shipment of goods;

- determine whether said instructions to modify relate to a portion of said one of said records for which said member has modification authority; and

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modify said one of said records according to said instructions if said member has said modification authority.

15. (previously presented) A record editing system in communication with an integrated import/export system, said record editing system comprising:

an output means for displaying an interface to a member of a supply chain for a particular shipment of goods, said interface allowing interaction with a database of records relating to said shipment of goods maintained at said integrated import/export system, where said goods are shipped between at least two jurisdictions;

an input means for receiving, from said member, instructions to modify a record relating to said shipment of goods; and

a processing means adapted to:

determine whether said instructions to modify relate to a portion of said one of said records for which said member has modification authority; and

modify said one of said records according to said instructions if said member has said modification authority.

16-22. (canceled)